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1. SUMMARY. EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI TOLD AMBASSADOR

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GREENWALD THAT REVIVAL OF EC-GREEK ASSOCIATION IS UNDER
ACTIVE AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION IN THE EC; CONCRETE STEPS
HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL WHICH WILL
TAKE UP THE QUESTION ON SEPTEMBER 17. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR GREENWALD PASSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL A TO
ORTOLI ON SEPTEMBER 3. ORTOLI WAS GRATEFUL FOR THE US
VIEWS. HE CONFIRMED THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING MAVROS ON
SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11 AFTER MAVROS' S STOP IN PARIS
(SEPTEMBER 5-6) AND BONN (SEPTEMBER 9-10). IN ADDITION TO
WORKING MEETINGS, ORTOLI SAID THERE WOULD BE TWO DINNERS IN
MAVROS'S HONOR. ORTOLI SAID THAT MAVROS WOULD RECEIVE A
WARM RECEPTION IN BRUSSELS BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE
TO DEAL WITH THE WHOLE RANGE OF SUBJECTS COVERED IN THE
GREEK AIDE-MEMOIRE. RATHER, THE COMMUNITY WOULD DEAL WITH
THE GREEK DEMANDS ON A PRAGMATIC, POINT-BY-POINT BASIS.
HE WENT OVER THE PROPOSALS REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE
COMMISSION. (SEE PARAGRAPH 7.) HE CONFIRMED THAT THE
GREEK ISSUE WOULD ALSO BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE FIRST POST-
VACATION MEETING OF THE EC PERMANENTREPRESENTATIVES ON SEPTEMBER 10.

3. THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE CYPRUS ISSUE SAYING THE US HOPED
THE EEC WOULD BE ABLE TO INCREASE ITS EMERGENCY AID. ORTOLI
WENT OVER THE COMMISSION DECISION ON AID (SEE PARAGRAPH 8) AND
SAID THE COMMISSION WAS NOT AT THIS TIME PLANNING ANY MAJOR
ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES.

4. ORTOLI SAID HE HAD ALREADY TALKED TO TURKISH OPPOSITION
MEMBER KAMAREN INAM ABOUT GREEK AND TURKISH RELATIONS WITH THE
EC. WHILE HE CHARACTERIZED THE TURKISH CHOICE OF INAM FOR
THIS MISSION AS A BIT ODD, HE SAID INAM HAD EXPLAINED IT BY
SAYING THAT THE CYPRUS AND GREEK ISSUES ARE NATIONAL AND WHOLLY
NONPARTISAN; ALL TURKISH PARTIES AGREE. ON THE QUESTION OF
GREEK ASSOCIATION, INAM SAID THE TURKS UNDERSTAND WHY THE
EEC WOULD WISH NOT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS AND TURKEY DID NOT
OBJECT. TURKEY WISHED TO MAKE CERTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT IMPROVED
EEC RELATIONS WITH GREECE WERE IN NO WAY AT TURKISH EXPENSE.
ON CYPRUS, INAM SIMPLY REITERATED THE WELL-KNOWN TURKISH
POSITIONS.

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5. ATLUNCH ON SEPTEMBER 7 INITIATED BY WELLENSTEIN, THE
COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, TO DISCUSS
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, HE TOLD AMBASSADOR GREENWALD THAT IN
ADDITION TO THE MEETINGS OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND
THE COUNCIL, THE MINISTERS OF THE NINE WILL BE MEETING IN PARIS
ON SEPTEMBER 16 IN THE POLITICAL COOPERATION CONTEXT. WELLENSTEIN
IMPLIED THAT GREECE WOULD BE A SUBJECT OF THAT MEETING ALSO.

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6. WELLENSTEIN SAID THAT THE ITEM GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN THE GREEK AIDE-MEMOIRE WAS THE HARNOMIZATION OF AGRICULTURE POLICY. HE RECALLED THAT THIS SUBJECT WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT; HOWEVER, SINCE THE NEGOTIATION OF THAT AGREEMENT, THERE HAD NEVER BEEN A CONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION BETWEEN GREECE AND THE COMMUNITY AS TO WHAT SUCH HARMONIZATION WOUND ENTAIL. THEREFORE, THE COMMUNITYWILL TAKE THE POSITION THAT THIS QUESTION WILL REQUIRE FURTHER STUDY. WELLENSTEIN ADDED THAT AS FAR AS THE GREEK ARE CONCERNED, THE PHRASE MEANS THE APPLICATION OF THE COMMUNITY PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM TO GREEK AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

7. THE SPOKESMAN OF THE COMMISSION SAID IN APRESS CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 2 THAT THE COMMISSION WILL PROPOSE TO THE COUNCIL THE NORMALIZATION OF EC ASSOCIATION WITH GREECE. THIS WILL SIGINIFY FIRST, HE SAID, PUTTING INTO MOTION THE NORMAL ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE CONVOCATION OF AN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE COMMISSION ALSO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING IMMEDIATE MEASURES:
A. THE SIGNING OF A PROTOCOL TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ENLARGE-MENT OF THE EC (GREEK WINES POSE A TOUCHY PROBLEM FOR WHICH A SOLUTION WILL BE SOUGHT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS PROTOCOL);
B. THE NEGOTIATION AND SIGNATURE OF AN INTERMEDIATE AGREEMENT TO PUT INTO EFFECT THE TRADE BENEFITS OF SUCH A PROTOCOL BEFORE ITS RATIFICATION;
C. THE EXAMINATION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE POSSIBILITY TO GIVE TO GREECE THE 55 MILLION DOLLARS OF EIB FUNDS;
D. A FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THE GREEK REQUEST TO EXTEND BEYOND NOVEMBER 1, 1974, THE ELIMINATION OF TARIFFS ON PRODUCTS FOR WHICH A 12-YEAR TRANSITION PERIOD HAD BEEN FORESEEN.
E. ACCEPTANCE OF SOME GREEK INTERNS IN COMMUNITY BODIES AND THE EXAMINATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EC BUREAU OF
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PRESS AND INFORMATION IN ATHENS.

8. WITH RESPECT TO AID TO CYPRIOT REFUGEES, COMMISSION SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO 50 TONS OF POWDERED MILK WHICH WAS ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE, THE COMMISSION HAD REQUESTED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE DELIVERY OF AN ADDITIONAL 200 TONS OF POWDERED MILK, 3,000 TONS OF CEREALS, AND 200 TONS OF BUTTER OIL TO BE DELIVERED VIA THE UNITED NATIONS. THESE FUGURES REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH OF CONSUMPTION FOR 190,000 PERSON, WHICH IS A ROUND FIGURES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES.
GREENWALD

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